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### **III. REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

#### **A. Status of the Application**

In the present response, claims 1 – 23 and 29 – 48 are cancelled. Claim 26 is amended. Claims 49 – 66 are added. Thus, claims 24 – 28 and 49 – 66 are now pending.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.116, as it places the application in condition for allowance, or at least in better condition for appeal.

#### **B. Rejection of Claims 1 – 24 and 29 – 48 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

Claims 1 – 24 and 29 – 48 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,331,454 to Yamada et al. ("Yamada"), in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,987,312 to Eigler ("Eigler"), and/or an article by Beton et al. entitled "Manipulation of C<sub>60</sub> molecules on a Si surface" ("Beton").

Applicants have cancelled claims 1 – 24 and 29 – 48. The cancellation herein of claims 1 – 24 and 29 – 48 is made without prejudice or disclaimer, as Applicants may pursue the subject matter of these claims in a continuation application.

In view of the cancellation, however, Applicant submits that the present rejection of claims 1 – 24 and 29 – 48 has been rendered moot, and respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

#### **D. Claim 26**

Claim 26 has been amended to depend from claim 25, instead of claim 24. Each of claims 24 – 28 stands allowed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 26 as amended herein, is allowable.

#### **C. New Claims 49 – 66**

New claims 49 – 66 each depend directly or indirectly from one of claims 24 – 28. Each of claims 24 – 28 stands allowed. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 49 – 66 are allowable for at least the same reasons that apply to claims 24 – 28.

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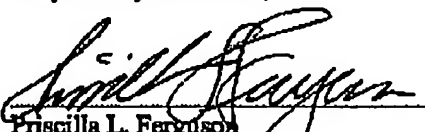
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D. Conclusion

Claims 24 - 28 and 49 - 66 are now pending in the present application. In view of the foregoing remarks, allowance of claims 24 - 28 and 49 - 66 is respectfully requested. The examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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